was there not one tank useful for agricultural purposes, but that many had become garden lands. Their improvement required immediate attention.

(3) If the Vandiyur *chira* in the Member's group could be improved and the encroachments thereon removed, it would be useful for 4,000 or 5,000 *paras* of paddy land. It should be treated as a major work and done at the cost of Government.

(4) One or two tanks in each *kara* should be taken up every year for repair. The people would be glad to contribute a share, provided it was collected in 4 or 5 years with the land revenue.

(5) All encroachments on irrigation tanks should be removed and no tank *poramboke* should, under any circumstances, be registered.

(6) No contract for repair of tanks in the taluk should be given to foreigners. The work should always be entrusted to the leading men of the respective *karas*.

(7) Till the ryots got water, a certain amount should be provided in the budget every year for repair of tanks in the taluk. The taluk used to get an annual allotment for the purpose in the pre-Kodayar Irrigation days.

(8) If Government would spend the required money and make the tanks, useful, the people would have no objection to pay a small additional assessment of $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ *chuckram* on every *para* of land thus protected.

(9) To make a thorough inquiry into the condition of the various tanks, to ascertain the necessity for people's contribution and to fix the amount wherever necessary, to attend to the immediate repair or improvement of such tanks, to generally look into the needs of the ryots and report to Government, a Committee should be appointed consisting of the Dewan Peishkar or his Assistant as President and the local Tahsildar and a P. W. D. Officer and three leading ryots as members.

Mr. K. Kali Pillai (Member, Neyyattinkara taluk) submitted that, under Huzur Order No. 177, dated 21st Chingom 1066, a sum of Rs. 5,000 had been sanctioned as an annual allotment for the repair and improvement of irrigation tanks in the taluk. Work was also conducted for one or two years. But subsequently nothing was done. As a result of frequent representations at the sessions of the Assembly, a sum of Rs. 300 had been provided in the budget for 1094 for the preparation of a sketch and estimates. The distress in regard to water was so keen that at least a few important tanks should be taken up in the current year and the remaining tanks should be put in order in the course of three years. The Member then complained that several village traces like those from Nemom to Ooruttampalam, from Ooruttampalam to Malayinkil, from Peyyattu in the Vilappil *pakuthi* to Vellanad, from Karumkulam to Arumanur and Thiruvarathur were in a neglected condition and were useless for traffic, as some culverts and bridges were required in some of them to render them fit for traffic. The traces had no boundary marks also on account of which the owners of adjoining compounds could not fence them. He, therefore, requested that the annual allotment for their repair should be ordered to be fully utilized. The Member, in conclusion, represented that Karuppattichira in the Kottukal *pakuthi* was breached years ago rendering 400 and odd *paras* of paddy lands into a sandy waste. The matter was brought to the notice of Government during the past 5 or 6 years, yet nothing had been done. The Member earnestly requested that the locality might be inspected by the Dewan.

Dewan's reply.—The question of appointing a Committee will be considered. I shall try to inspect the Karupattichira personally.

61. A few agricultural and other needs of the Trivandrum taluk.

Mr. M. K. Govinda Pillai B. A. & B. L. (Member, Trivandrum taluk) represented that the influx of salt water from the Veli *kayal* was causing considerable damage to cultivation in about 5,000 *paras* of paddy land in the Anayara *ela* in Kadagampalli *pakuthi*, and requested that a bund should be constructed at Erottu Palakadavu to keep out the salt water. A gravelled village road from Champakadamukku near the Petta Police Station to the Kadagampalli Proverthi

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Cutcherry should also be constructed to enable the ryots to take manure, etc., to the Anayara *ela*. The Member then presented a petition from the inhabitants of the Kadagampalli *pakuthi* praying for the above bund and road.

He next urged the need for the establishment of a Magistrate's Court at Kazhakutam. At present, people had to go to Trivandrum with every application for remand. The High Court were against the proposal, but the grievances of the people were real and remained unredressed.

Lastly, he requested that the Police outpost at Vattiyurkavu should be converted into a charging station or the *pakuthies* of Anjamada and Aramada, which were under the jurisdiction of the Kazhakuttam station, should be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Cantonment station, and Rendamada *pakuthi* to the Fort station, in Trivandrum.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the Police station, a report will be called for from the Commissioner of Police. The other requests are noted.

62. Agricultural needs of the Mavelikara taluk.

Mr. K. Govinda Pillai (Member, Mavelikara taluk) said that paddy cultivation in Central Travancore depended upon proper facilities being provided for irrigation and drainage and that there were many canals there for taking water to and from the Pamba, Kulakkada and other rivers. But those canals had become silted up owing to long neglect. In the interests of agriculture it was necessary that they should be promptly repaired. The most important of such canals in the Mavelikara taluk was the one from the Arattukadavu to Thodiyur. The necessity of repairing the canal had been brought up at previous sessions of the Assembly and its repair was taken up two years ago but left unfinished. The canal should be improved as soon as possible.

Another equally urgent work was the provision of an outlet to the Karingali-chal in Nuranad. There were two canals running across the *chal* one of which joined the river at Ayiranikuzhi. Either the bed of the river should be deepened at that part so as to allow free flow of water from the *chal* which was on a lower level than that of the river, or the other canal should be repaired and made useful.

He next requested that an Agricultural Inspector should be appointed for the taluk and a Veterinary Inspector posted for 3 months in the taluk to attend to the treatment of cattle.

The Member also advocated the establishment of an Agricultural School in each Division for imparting instruction in scientific methods of agriculture to the students coming out of the Vernacular schools.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

63. Suggestions for the development of Agriculture, etc., in the Shertallay taluk.

Mr. A. Rama Panikkar (Member, Shertallay taluk) said that, in response to their frequent representations, Government had undertaken the responsibility of closing and opening the Manakodam bar and also of putting up bunds at Pulluveli, Penadi, Palliathodu, Arasumuttu, Pandarathimuttu and Neendakaramuttu. The bunds at Pulluveli and Penadi should be completed before the 1st Vrischigom 1095 and the bunds at the remaining four places before the Manakodam bar was opened at the close of the southwest monsoon. All the bunds should also be provided with sluices so as to keep out salt water and drain the paddy field whenever required.

He next requested that the canals and other water courses should be deepened so as to allow free flow of water.

A Board consisting of the Kottayam Dewan Peishkar, the Chief Engineer and the Director of Agriculture should be appointed to investigate the condition of the *kari* lands and suggest measures for their proper cultivation.

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